

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior claim listings in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 15, wherein~~[[,]]~~ the concentration of the said extract in the said composition is 0.001 weight-% to 10 weight-% based on the composition.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant, or a cosmetic or dermatopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application comprising:

- a) an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
- b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermatopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of the human body selected from the group consisting of oil~~[[y]]~~ bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes.

wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides for the protection of human skin cells against UV-radiation.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~the~~ said cosmetic treatment provides at least one effect selected from the group consisting of ~~anti-inflammatory effect, anti-itching effect, appeasing effect,~~ anti-free-radical effect and anti-protease effect, with the proviso that the effect is not an anti-matrix-metalloprotease-effect[[,.]] or an antilipoxygenase effect.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides a whitening effect or a lightening effect.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim [[11]] 15, wherein, the concentration of ~~the~~ said extract in ~~the~~ said composition is 0.1 weight-% to 3 weight-% based on the composition.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim [[13]] 15, wherein[[,.]] ~~the~~ said extract is obtained by the method comprising the steps of:

- a) extracting the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof, to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover ~~the~~ said extract.

23-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body comprising applying to ~~the surface of the human~~ skin ~~body~~ a cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application comprising:

- a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
- b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of the human body selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes,

wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.

26. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 25, wherein ~~[[,]]~~ said extract is obtained by a method comprising the steps of:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof, to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing said solvent from said solution, to recover said extract.

27-29. (Cancelled)